9. Minister of State for Food Processing
10. Minister of State for Science & Technology
11. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
12. Chairman, Economic Advisory Council
13. Chairman, National Commission on Farmers
14. Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission
15. Principal Secretary to PM: *Convenor*

Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments concerned would be permanent invitees. The Chairman could invite any Minister/Officer depending upon the context.

(c) to (e) The Committee may commission specialized studies depending upon the requirements which arise from time to time and is engaged in the following tasks:

(i) Identify key areas that require fresh policy initiatives, particularly those of an inter-sectoral nature.

(ii) Outline the follow-up action that needs to be taken to implement identified policy initiatives.

(iii) Identify institutional mechanism to implement policies and programmes.

(iv) Monitor key policy initiatives.

(v) To oversee and coordinate the integrated implementation of those recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers that are accepted by the Government.

Jakhu Fishery Harbour

3364. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested to grant Rupees 4148 lacs borne by it against 100 per cent Central assistance as the Central Government have accorded approval for Jakhu Fishery Harbour under 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme in May, 1993;

(b) whether the project was delayed because of late environmental clearance from Government and the State has spent too much; and

(c) whether Government are considering to give extra amount in accordance with the request of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Government had in May 1993 accorded approval to the proposal of Government of Gujarat for construction of fishing harbour at Jakhau at a cost of Rs. 1143.60 lakhs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme with 100 per cent grant assistance due to its strategic location. Entire approved cost of the project amounting to Rs. 1143.60 lakhs has been released to the State Government in six instalments by December 1999. The project was to be completed within the approved cost before May 1996. The Government of Gujarat could not achieve this target instead approached the Union Government initially for approval of Revised Cost Estimate with cost escalation from Rs. 1143.60 lakhs to Rs. 2455 lakhs, which has been further revised to Rs. 5291 lakhs in May 2005. The State Government reported that delay in obtaining environmental clearance in one of the main factors among the others that attributed for cost escalation.

(c) The Government of Gujarat is to submit a comprehensive revised project report with relevant techno-economic details for evaluating reasonability of the cost escalation.

Development of water-sheds in Andhra Pradesh

3365. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sought for a sanction of Rs. 221.46 crores from the Central Government for development of water-sheds in Andhra Pradesh in view of the State having about 84,000 water bodies which have a direct linkage with poverty eradication;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government would sanction Rs. 221.46 crores at the earliest; and